

Village of Empire

Tree Committee Meeting Minutes

Friday, May 6, 2022 @ 1:00 pm

Attending: Maggie Bacon, March Dye, Derith Smith

1. ReLeaf Tree Planting Site(s) Prep for ReLeaf meeting

Committee reviewed two print-outs from the Tree Inventory.

Discussion started with a review of the aging nature of the inventory. Once the tree assessment training is completed, committee may have a better mechanism in place for updating the inventory.

Clerk Smith has been in touch with the engineers regarding the general location of the Shalda Park path. She asked if they would offer some suggestions about tree planting and varieties. They hope to have something to the Village Office before the ReLeaf person comes on the 10th.

Very short discussion with John and Ryan about the large, diseased trees at Shalda Park. No consensus.

Some discussion about replacing the two trees at the beach that will be removed. Because the ReLeaf project was to focus on no more than 2 locations and the planting of 20 trees, the committee agreed to look at alternative locations. However, the committee should revisit the need to replace those two tree and with what? The tree assessment group activity may shed some additional light on that.

The two locations selected for ReLeaf to consider are along M-22 (south side) heading north to Glen Arbor (across from St. Philip Neri Church and adjacent to Conservancy property. The committee thought up to 10 trees might be used to fill in a gap.

The second location - and the most likely to be selected – will be at Shalda Park.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Maggie Bacon